A Nation Divided

(And a message to the Enemy Camp) **By J.J. Johnson** - Posted: 11.08.00

If you're wondering what that upset feeling is in your stomach, you're not alone. In my opinion, this is the calm before the storm. Let November 7, 2000 be a red-letter day, and a black mark on American history. The only winner of this election will be the truth; the truth that this nation is more polarized and divided than it has ever been. In other countries, it's at this point that the shooting starts and the blood begins to flow in the streets. Perhaps that explains that upset feeling in your stomach today.

This is not to be interpreted to indicate that we advocate such actions, but if what I fear lies ahead, it's best that someone steps forward and explains to our posterity how and why we got to this crossroad in America. Regardless of the final result, America's choice will remain deadlocked. There will be no negotiating, as there is too much at stake. The party who is on the verge of losing all power in Washington DC has a track record of ill behavior in vote counting. There has also been a pattern for at least the last decade of violent death and destruction that takes place when their authority is threatened.

For what it's worth, the so-called "exit poll data" is telling the world who is on which side in this conflict. Rural vs Urban, Young vs Old, Black vs White, Gentile vs non-gentile, etc.

To put it simply: It's us against them.

No one wants to admit it, no one wants to say it, but that's the way it is. According to the AP there was "... the results of the U.S. presidential race was a lesson in democracy's messy glory - or proof that the political system in the world's most powerful nation might just be in need of an overhaul."

Well, to the rest of the world, the Associated Press may be right about that "overhaul." The last major overhaul of this type cost us about 600,000 lives back in the 19th century with primitive weaponry. The states where many people's ancestors fought and died for their beliefs in the Constitution led the battle of November 7, 2000 at the ballot box – showing that no matter what happens, or what you hear on CNN, that battle is not over. In fact, the next phase of this battle has just begun.

My prediction: This is GOING to get ugly.

Let us now candidly state these facts to the world:

We represent the side that has become the victim of "political correctness." We are those who have been called names for simply being who we are. We have been demonized for believing that this nation, and the way it governs, is based on certain principles. We are the ones who pay (by force) the majority of the taxes in this country. We are the ones who have placed the majority of our sons and daughters in harm's way in service of our nation. We have been all but banned from the major media, but they now know we exist. We watched as our basic freedoms were being stolen from us. We fought back. We fought hard. According to the rules that govern us, we believe we have made a major statement to the world via the ballot box.

We have been under assault. We risk losing our right of free expression, our right to own property, our rights of self-defense and preservation, our right to be governed from our states rather than a federal bureaucracy, and soon, if we do not prevail, our right to adequate representation in our own government.

Even our history and that of our ancestors is under attack. The democratic choice that has been made threatens to end (or at least halt) this downward slide. Our adversaries are on the verge of losing all the power they've held over us for the last 40 years. At this time it appears that our adversaries, like tyrants of the past, simply won't accept defeat and are preparing to take steps to take this fight to the next level.

We are truly a Nation Divided.

Citizens of the world, if our side loses this battle, many of us may not live to see what the outcome will be. We can safely predict that your nations will soon share the same attitude about this nation that many share today – that it is run by a tyrant, or a beast. You will witness the military and economic power of this nation used against you at the will of a few, not the will of the people. You will be disarmed, disenfranchised, and taught to hate one another. You will be forced to believe that the U.S. Government, and not our Creator, is your caretaker and will demand complete control over your lives. We will be vanquished.

It is for this reason, that we cannot – we *shall not* surrender. We represent a people who believe in a Power Greater than Ourselves. Today, we live with an unsettling fear. Not a fear of what our adversaries will do, but fear of what *we* may have to do to preserve, protect, and defend our principles, our beliefs, and our posterity. We do not wish this upon ourselves, but many of us fear that our opposition may have removed all other options. America has made its choice. We have chosen to have a "difference of opinion." We have chosen to be divided. For this reason, we ask for your prayers and understanding of what may befall us in the coming days.

And to our adversary – the enemy camp:

It is not the Electoral College that needs to be overhauled. If you cannot agree to the rules as they have been written and to the will of those on our side, then once again – we submit to you an offer of dissolution. That's right – another secession. But this time, it's not just Dixie.

Over the years, those of us who have chosen to remove ourselves from the metropolitan cesspools have learned what independence means. We are those huddled masses yearning to breathe free. We submit that the state of Washington doesn't need Seattle, Illinois doesn't need Chicago, New York doesn't need New York City, etc. We submit that our children should not be forced to learn what you teach. We submit that our rights to own and defend our property are rights, not privileges. We submit that "multiculturalism" is not "tolerance", but state-sponsored bigotry against political opposition. We submit that Americans are sovereign by birthright, and that NO man shall ever take that away from us. We submit that if no peaceful solution can be reached, then at least 29 of the 50 sovereign states seek other options. You have tried to silence us, ignore us, demonize us, and even disarm us. Let November 7, 2000 be the day when you have been warned via

the ballot box that WE SHALL NOT SURRENDER.

Our candidate for president may not have been our first or best choice, but we *did* choose NOT to be governed by the likes of our opposition. We understand that this campaign has pitted brother against brother, sister against sister, and parent against child, and still does today. Sounds familiar, doesn't it?

To our adversaries: We have seen your tactics, we know your strategy. We KNOW <u>you've</u> attempted to deny the right of suffrage to our brethren off our nation's shores and in <u>harm's way</u>. We KNOW you have <u>sought to register those who have not earned the right of suffrage in this country</u>. Still, we prevailed. And we fear that you have little or no plan to simply walk away. If it is war that you are thinking of – if it is a war that you are planning, let it be known that you will not wage a war against the "unsuspecting." You will name the stakes. You will fire the first shot. You will make the choice.

As you have <u>made your positions known</u> to your leaders, <u>we have done likewise</u>. But unlike you, we take orders from a Higher Power, and not from corrupt men. We are as prepared as we were at the end of last year. You have heard our demand. We want our country back. Make no mistake about it - we will and shall continue to use the soap box, the ballot box, the jury box, and if left with no other choice, the other boxes that you seek to take away from us. As many of us today stand in fear of what may become of us, we cannot and shall not prevail until each of us looks deep within ourselves, understands the crossroad at which we stand, looks our adversaries in the eye and says without reservation or hesitation...

...You will have to kill all of us.

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